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REMARKS

The subject matter of the instant application, "Method and Apparatus For Converting Supplies and Reducing Waste", teaches methods and apparatus for extending the useful lives of both, product transfer/delivery containers(dispenser) and suction collection containers/systems(receivers) comprising combinations whereby the dispenser is the receiver. In another embodiment the dispenser is the receiver in receptive cooperation with the canister system. Also taught are methods and apparatus for connection of neck portion's of a pour bottle(transfer containers/dispensers/receivers) and a canister lid. Also taught are variable kit combinations, and potentially pre-packaged, pre-sterilized in variable combinations comprising a suction wand(kit-option) , conduit, bottle neck plug, filter, compartment communication draw transfer conduit. Such variable kits may be pre-selected pre-sterilized, separately packaged to integrate into sterile surgical processes in a convenient manner.

The applicant knows of no prior art of record which teaches these inventions.

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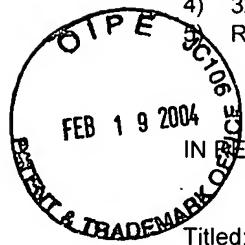
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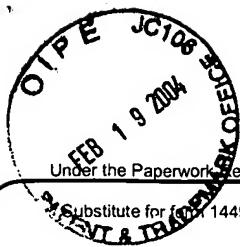


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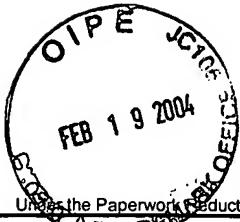
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